

# **Nurses threaten national strike over understaffing and pay**

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The national nurses' association is threatening strike action if the government doesn't agree to talks to address serious understaffing and low pay. The union says that there was already a shortfall of 1500 nurses before the COVID-19 pandemic and the situation has seriously deteriorated as the country has been hit by a second wave. Infection of health staff is increasing with around 1000 nurses now in quarantine while those at work are facing increasing workloads, long working hours and greater stress. The government has promised some additional funding but the union wants to see urgent action taken, including the recruitment of around 1500 recently qualified nurses and measures to address longstanding issues of low pay.

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